

Public Parade

Economics... And Clean Water

The 10-year battle to clean up the Chowan River has been waged on many fronts. There have been fingers pointed at all sources - municipal, industry, agriculture and forestry. One thing which can't be dealt with is Mother Nature, so attention has focused on the other elements.

In a nutshell, the real solution to improve water quality along the Public Parade has rested with economics. And often times it has been centered around what this one, or that one could afford to do, or not do.

A best management practice program in agriculture is being tested in areas of Northeastern North Carolina. Some rethinking is taking place as to how to get maximum production with minimum expense. This includes making sure all the fertilizer used is held in the land and does not get to the water.

Economics now appears to be about to play a major role on the industry front. One of the two major polluters - CF Industries - may close. Officials admit that a decision will be made shortly regarding the fate of the giant nitrogen plant at Tunis.

If the decision to close the plant is made, it will mean the loss of 140 jobs and an annual payroll of \$4-million. It will also mean that a major taxpayer will be lost to Hertford County.

Furthermore, it will give scientists a chance to learn if they were correct when they determined that the plant is less dangerous to the river while in operation.

accept this argument. If the plant closes, economics will have done what the regulators were unwilling to do and what political pressure at the highest level couldn't accomplish.

And we like to think it would remove one of the marbles from the bowl which caused it to become too full. This would support the theory of Dr. Gus Witherspoon of N.C. State University who likened the algae blooms to putting marbles into a bowl until it overflowed.

Prayer Line

A campaign against drunk drivers is being waged throughout North Carolina and throughout the United States. Thousands of people die each year in traffic mishaps caused by those thoughtless people who drink and drive.

There are many, many tragic stories of the outcome of accidents involving the drunken driver. One of interest along the Public Parade surfaced this week when we received a letter from Rev. James MacKenzie. (The letter appears elsewhere in today's newspaper).

Mr. MacKenzie was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Edenton during the years 1952 and 1960. During this time he wrote a

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Officials Conduct Tour Of Facility

Locally elected officials, representatives of schools and friends of the N.C. Army National Guard toured the state's Military Academy at Ft. Bragg last Saturday.

Thirty-seven community representatives accepted the invitation of Col. Furman P. Bodenheimer, Jr., academy commandant, for the day-long series of events which started with a 45-minute delay from Edenton

Municipal Airport. But in true military fashion, the schedule was tightened up at the C-130 cargo plane deposited the guests back in home territory 30 minutes ahead of schedule.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Stalls of Edenton, assistant commandant, said the tour was arranged to expose the facilities and program to local officials and to say "thank you" for the splendid support the National Guard enjoys locally.

Col. Bodenheimer said Edenton - Chowan Schools, Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have all been of great assistance to the N.C. National Guard. When Maj. Gen. Emmett W. Ingram (of Elizabeth City), the adjutant general of the State of North Carolina, was in Edenton to dedicate the new National Guard Armory, he encouraged the invitation to visit Ft. Bragg.

Furthermore, he said the schools' theme for 1982-83 - "Courtesy is Contagious... Spread It" - fits into the academy's purpose. He added that emphasis is placed on courtesy towards the flag, country and patriotism, as well as a high priority on leadership.

The commandant noted that the academy is very demanding in three areas - academics, physical, and leadership. "We want to develop leaders not only for the military but for communities," he said.

Gen. Ingram pointed out that the academy, now 25 years old, consists of 14 buildings in a complex which is maintained by the state. Because of the location, those attending the academy have access to the entire resources of Ft. Bragg. Also, Marine bases in North Carolina are open for training.

"I hope you will have a better understanding of your National Guard after this visit," Gen. Ingram concluded.

Also on hand was Sec. Heman Clark of the State Department of Crime Control & Public Safety. He lauded the National Guard for the fine performance and degree of readiness. "For every \$1 spent the National Guard gives more national defense than any others," he said.

Among others heading the briefing were: Lt. David Ambrose of Edenton and Lt. Calvin Adams of Bertie County. Both lieutenants are academy graduates.

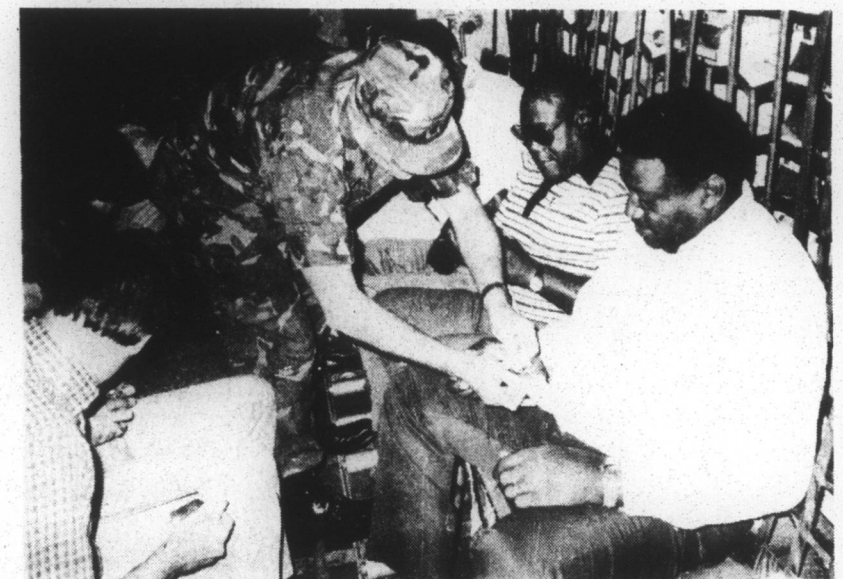
Following lunch with the troops, the guests went into the field to witness training exercises.



GUARD VETERAN - Sgt. Carroll Wood Jones, left, is congratulated by Maj. Gen. Emmett Ingram, N.C. Adjutant General, on the 29th anniversary of Jones' enlistment in the National Guard. The date was Saturday.



BRIEFING - Maj. Gen. Emmett Ingram briefs local visitors at the N.C. Military Academy. They are: W.B. Gardner and Wilbur Ray Bunch.



BUCKLE UP - Lt. Col. Kenneth Stalls gives assistance to Ralph Cole, principal at D.F. Walker School, while Dr. James Fenner masters the safety belt of the C-130 plane which flew the group to Ft. Bragg.



STROLL AT FT. BRAGG - Among local officials visiting the N.C. Military Academy at Ft. Bragg last Saturday were, from left, Sam Noble, town administrator; W.H. Hollowell, Jr., councilman; and Cliff Copeland, county manager.

CHOWAN COUNTY



September 20-
September 25, 1982

'Kiddie' Days - Tues. & Weds.

Fun Fair Amusements
Featured Performers Nightly
4-H Regional Talent Show
Square Dancing Exhibition
All Types Exhibits

Chowan County Fair Opening Set For September 20th

With only four more days left before the Chowan County Fair comes into existence the time has come to take a final look at the preparations and begin to consider the future fair.

It is generally known in Chowan County that the fair is considered the best small fair in the area but what you may not have known is that the Chowan County Fair was rated the top small county fair last year, a distinction that the fair has held in the past. Three of the six categories that are very important in judging of the fairs are exhibits, events and entertainment.

Among the exhibits at this year's fair will be 28 educational booths; seven of which are coming from the schools, seven from youth organizations, nine from civic organizations and commercial, four public service, and a special booth. The educational exhibit that will be featured this year will be a farm family exhibit which will promote agriculture and what it means to be a Farm Family Enterprise. The Farm Family featured this year will be

Yates Parrish and C.Y. Parrish with the title of "Partners in Progress".

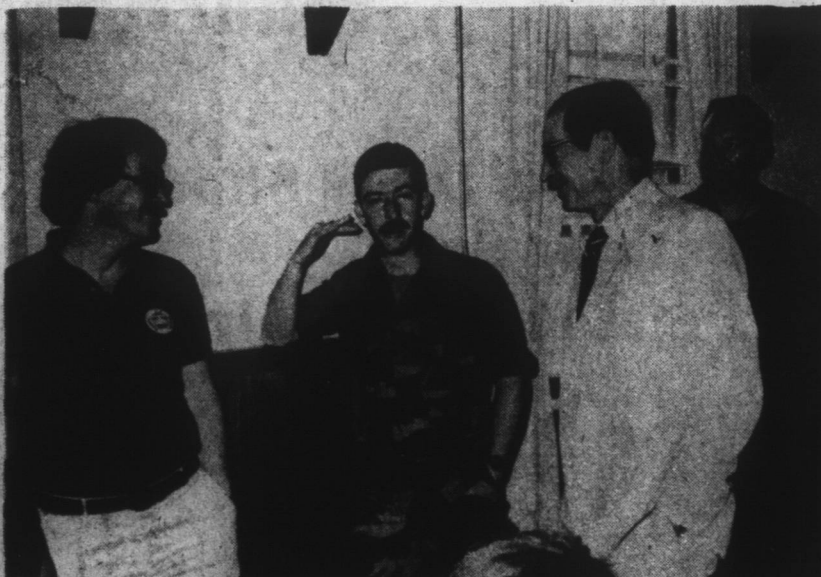
Events at this fair will be numerous. They will include the crowning of the Northeastern Pork Queen, a Senior Citizens Program, and several craft demonstrations.

Entertainment though not the most important feature of a county fair is one of the draws that bring the people to the fair. Besides the midway, the Chowan County fair will be having several concerts by most every type of musical group plus a 4-H talent show. Yes, there is still time to enter the talent show but participants must be between the ages of nine and nineteen.

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Tickets On Sale

Season tickets for John A. Holmes High School football games are available for only \$10. This ticket entitled holder to all home football games, Varsity and Jayvee, and are available to adults and students. These tickets will save you the inconvenience of standing in line but are for general admission only, they do not entitle holder to sit in reserved seat section. These tickets can be purchased at the John A. Holmes High School office.



WAITING FOR CHOW - Sec. Heman Clark of the State Department of Crime Control & Public Safety, right, waits in line for lunch at Ft. Bragg. With him are Rob Boyce, left, principal at Holmes High School; and Lt. David Ambrose of Edenton.



ALL ABOARD - Alton G. Elmore, Chowan County commissioner, boards a C-130 headed for the N.C. Military Academy at Ft. Bragg. Lt. Col. Kenneth Stalls rounds up the local officials as he sets out to make up 45 minutes lost when weather delayed the plane's flight from its base in Charlotte.